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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Nicholas L. BENNETT, et al.
Title : Gaming Machine with Multi-Dimensional Symbols
Serial No. : 09/934,912
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Petition to the Commissioner Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10

To the Commissioner:

A "Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application" (hereinafter, "Notice of Missing Parts") was mailed on September 24, 2001 for the above-referenced application.

Applicant filed a reply to the Notice of Missing Parts on February 12, 2002 together with a petition for a three-month extension of time, substitute drawings, a declaration of the inventors, and a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts. In a telephone call to the Office of Initial Patent Examination on July 14, 2003, to ascertain the current status of the application, Applicant became aware that its reply to the Notice of Missing Parts was not entered in the current application.

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Applicant's reply to the Notice of Missing Parts was filed by U.S. Express Mail (Receipt No. EV014264400 US) on February 12, 2002. As evidence of the filing of Applicant's timely reply to the Notice of Missing Parts, enclosed herewith is a copy of the return postcard, stamped February 12, 2002, received from the USPTO, evidencing receipt by the USPTO of the Applicant's response filed February 12, 2002.

It is noted that upon further examination, Applicant discovered that, due to a typographical error, the application serial number was incorrectly noted on the reply to the Notice of Missing Parts filed on February 12, 2002. The correct serial number for the current application is 09/934,912. However, Applicant's reply to the Notice of Missing Parts filed on February 12, 2002, noted the serial number as 09/943,912. Applicant hereby requests that its reply originally filed on February 12, 2002 be entered in the current application (Ser. No. 09/934,912).

It is noted that although the declaration included in Applicant's reply to the Notice of Missing Parts also noted the incorrect serial number of the current application, the declaration correctly identified the current application by correctly noting the attorney docket number, filing date, name of the first inventor, and title of the application. It is also noted that the copy of the Notice of Missing Parts submitted with Applicant's response pertained to the correct serial number. Thus, although the declaration notes an incorrect serial number, it is believed to be acceptable for the current application.

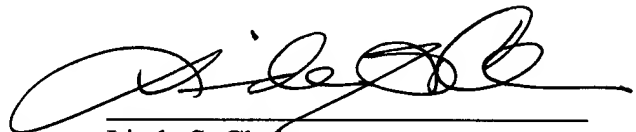
Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Applicant's response originally filed on February 12, 2002. Please note, to avoid any further confusion, the incorrectly noted serial number on the

copy of the Applicant's response to the Notice of Missing Parts has been struck out in red and the correct serial number of the current application has been inserted in red.

Also enclosed herewith is a sub-power of attorney and a request for change in correspondence address.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this petition to the Applicant's undersigned attorney, who may be reached directly by telephone at (212)940-8712.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda S. Chan', written over a horizontal line.

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